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# Ward 6 Newsletter

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Colorado Springs – three shot dead and nine wounded in the Planned Parenthood shooting event. On Halloween in Colorado Springs there were three others shot to death in another random shooting event. And in Chicago over the weekend, in retaliation for an evident gang-related shooting of one of his relatives, some thug lured a nine-year-old boy into an alley and shot him in the head. Score settled? Our default for settling disputes?



#### Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police Department 911 or nonemergency 791-4444

Water Issues 791-3242/800-598-9449 Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance 791-3154

Graffiti Removal 792-2489

Abandoned Shopping Carts 791-3171

Neighborhood Resources 837-5013

SunTran/SunLink 792-9222 TDD: 628-1565

Environmental Services 791-3171

Park Wise 791-5071

Planning and Development Services 791-5550

Pima Animal Care Center 724-5900

Pima County Vector | Control

Cockroach: **443-6501** Mosquito: **243-7999** 

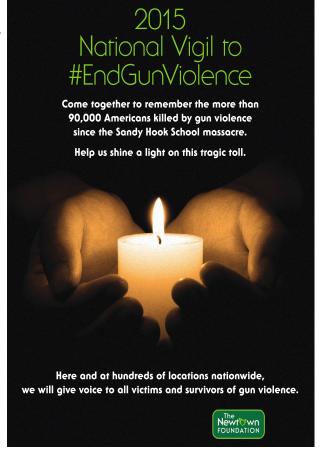
## **Continued: A Message From Steve**

#### **Gun Violence Remembrance**

Each time I include an item on gun safety, gun deaths, or similar topics, I get emails from people who feel compelled to reassert their 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights to own guns. This time guys, hold your fire. Nobody's after your guns. What we're doing this week is respecting those whose lives have been lost since the senseless Sandy Hook murders of school children.

On Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, come and join those who care at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church for a worship service honoring the 90,000 people who have lost their lives to gun violence since the tragic Sandy Hook shootings. The service will run from 6pm until 7:30pm. In addition to we laypeople, clergy will participate in a candlelight service in memory of the lost.

This event is a part of the 2015 National Vigil to #EndGunViolence. We simply must continue to keep this issue in the public eye until politicians affect change.



The church is located just down the street from the Ward 6 office at 3809 E Third St.

### **Transportation Items**

#### **Broadway Widening**

The Broadway Citizen's Task Force (CTF) will meet on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at
 5:30pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Campbell just north of Speedway. They meet in the Activity Building at the rear of the church.

This is the first CTF meeting since we adopted their draft alignment last June. The agenda for the CTF meeting is largely a discussion of the Design Concept Report staff is putting together. It's a document tracking the history of the project, and where we're headed in terms of process. You can see the report by clicking here.

Ahead of the CTF meeting, the Planning Commission will meet to adopt changes to our Major Streets and Routes (MS&R) plan. That's the document used by transportation planning and real estate to guide the location of development along our roadways. Since it still reflects the original Broadway alignment, they're amending it to reflect the baseline align-

ment that's now being refined. Once it's changed and after the 30% design is completed and approved, staff will have the legal authority to negotiate with property owners on the disposition of their homes and businesses on the basis of the proposed road width. It'll give us the opportunity to preserve more structures, minimize the project costs that would otherwise be associated with relocations, and most importantly, keep the corridor vibrant with the businesses we need to fund our tax base. Reviewing the Planning Commission vote will also be a part of the CTF agenda.

We were originally scheduled to hear an update on the MS&R vote at a December 15<sup>th</sup> study session, but given that the same material will be covered at two other meetings immediately preceding the 15<sup>th</sup>, I took the opportunity to slide a Broadway discussion into that time slot. Here's a copy of the agenda request I submitted:

Please set aside 20 minutes on the 12/15 study session to discuss the Broadway widening project.

Originally we had this time set aside to review the MS&R issue as it relates to Broadway. As the Broadway Task Force will have addressed that item on 12/10, let's use the time on the 15th to review the following:

- a) Who received the 150 +/- letters relative to Property Acquisition 101, and what was/is the intent of those meetings? Are more of these meetings being planned?
- b) When in the process will staff be presenting to property owners options they have available for cures that will allow them to stay open on the corridor and avoid relocation expenses?
- c) The CTF included priorities the design team was to follow when engaging in the design. How are those standards being incorporated in the 30% design process? Please bring visuals to display showing examples of how the design is respecting the CTF input in that regard.
  - d) When will land use options become a part of the design considerations? That is, if the process continues to be linear and property owners are simply being given their relocation rights, but no broader discussion of options that may facilitate their retention are presented, the predictable result will be businesses leaving. How are we incorporating creative design into the current process?
- e) Jonathan Mabry has offered to present his thoughts on the value of mixing historic structures alongside newer buildings. Please have Jonathan on hand to spend 5 minutes sharing his perspective on the value of maintaining the historic character of the corridor, even while allowing for new development.
- f) Finally, we've discussed in the past the value in community workshops as a way of maintaining trust with the community that we're being true to the input we've heard throughout the pre-design process. I will be asking staff to follow through on conducting those, with one being held ahead of the completion of the 30% design docs. We can talk about scheduling such during the 12/15 study session.

The December 15<sup>th</sup> agenda is pretty packed already, so I asked staff to be ready on December 8<sup>th</sup> with this same presentation. In as much as it's really a report on the process being conducted and no staff research is involved, moving to the 8<sup>th</sup> won't pose a hardship and will allow us to touch on the issue when we're less crunched for time. I appreciate the



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R) 520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R) 520-575-8633

Congresswoman Martha McSally (R) (2nd District) (202) 225-2542 Tucson Office: 520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D) (3th District) 520-622-6788

Governor Doug Ducey (R) 602-542-4331 Tucson office: 520-628-6580

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild 520-791-4201

ZoomTucson Map http:// maps.tucsonaz.gov /zoomTucson/ Mayor agreeing to the change.

On June 9, M&C approved the CTF Baseline Alignment Concept (view <a href="here">here</a>). We also approved the design parameters. I've shared those with you in the past. In case you missed them, <a href="here">here</a> they are again. At the present time, staff is working with our consultants to come up with the 30% design documents. We expect those to be done early next spring. One of the goals of the December 8<sup>th</sup> study session is to get an update on how that 30% process is going and to establish that the design parameters approved by M&C are being applied to the process. I'll also be asking for a public open house ahead of the 30% completion so people who are unable to watch the study session can also see how the design is moving along. It's important that that occur *before* the 30% docs are finalized so staff is both able to respond to input and is held accountable for having responded to the input they've heard over the course of the past two years of public process.

Staff is continuing its outreach to both residential and business property owners to talk about their rights as the widening affects their buildings. If you'd like to talk to a staffer about how you're impacted, property or business owners along Broadway can contact James MacAdam at <a href="maintenanceadam@tucsonaz.gov">james.macadam@tucsonaz.gov</a>, neighborhood associations or other stakeholder groups can contact Rebecca Ruopp at <a href="maintenanceadam@tucsonaz.gov">jeecca.ruopp@tucsonaz.gov</a>.

We have a draft alignment. We have significant input from the CTF and the public. We need to make sure that as the alignment is refined, the input we've gathered is respected in that process. We also have to keep that process moving along swiftly so we can once again attract reinvestment along the corridor. The City has made the correct decision to involve the Office of Integrated Planning (OIP) in the process. We need to make sure that's not window dressing. OIP should in fact be a player in informing the design work and not simply a diversionary tactic to give the stakeholders the impression that they're being heard.

#### **Transportation Utility Boxes**

There's progress on two fronts with respect to the utility box and mural art program. One involves our transportation department and the other our environmental services folks.

During FY'15, TDOT traffic control boxes were tagged between 250 and 300 times. We spent over \$3,300 in abating just those boxes. That doesn't include the other City-owned assets that have been tagged. We have a great abatement partner in Graffiti Protective Coatings, who we pay nearly \$1M annually in abatement services. Trying to chip away at those costs is in everyone's interest.

Amy and Alison from my office have been working with TPAC and TDOT to put together the broad brush strokes of a pilot program we'll soon be presenting to M&C for consideration. It takes advantage of the existing art review processes – not reinventing any wheels – and includes City TDOT traffic control boxes as the focus of the art efforts. In addition to the eventual financial savings, the aesthetic benefit to the City will be obvious. The pilot will include the opportunity for recognition of financial donors on a small portion of the painted boxes, so the plan is private funding going toward a community benefit. It's close to being ready for prime time – good work by all who have had a hand in it.

In addition, Environmental Services has been working directly with the Tucson Arts Brigade (TAB) to get five of their refuse containers painted, also as a way of cutting costs for abatement and beautifying the community. TAB took a total of 44 applications for this demonstration project, ran them through a review process and awarded the five locations to local artists. I've shared their names in a previous newsletter. Now I have the approved renderings for the containers to share. Here's what's now moving towards the painting phase.

Tucson Mural Arts Program

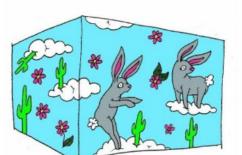


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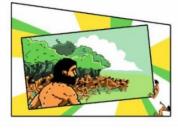
















We're expecting completed artwork by the end of the year. Many thanks to Michael Schwartz and Jodi Netzer of TAB for their hard work on this project. Local talent, local benefits.

#### **DSL Charges**

During a meeting last week, I learned what that acronym, DSL, stands for – Driving with a Suspended License. I suppose that allows this item to fit under the general "transportation" related" topics for this part of the newsletter.

Last week, Curt Pendergrass from the Star shared that the City has started a program in which we're going to dismiss charges for DSL and for driving with fictitious plates if they're not also accompanied by other criminal charges. Because of the staffing shortage in the City prosecutor's office and the backlog that exists in the courts, we need to prioritize which offenses we're going to dedicate time to chase down. In as much as these aren't crimes that affect the safety of the public like many of the others our staff is working (Domestic Violence, DUI, etc.) we feel this change reflects an efficient use of taxpayer dollars

The call came after having spoken internally with the prosecutors and courts people, as well as with TPD. Of the approximately 30,000 criminal cases we handle annually, about 5,000 of them fall under these two categories. We'll continue working on the staffing levels, but until we've got the resources to adequately address those added 5,000 cases, I believe this is a responsible move on the part of our city management.

On a related note, our Courts, prosecutors and the public defender's offices will be holding our second "Warrant Day" this coming Saturday. If you've got an outstanding war-I rant, you can go to the City Court building between 8am and 4pm on the  $5^{th}$  and see a judge on a walk-in basis. The goal is to resolve what you've got and hopefully close cases that are in 'warrant status.' The Court is located at 103 E. Alameda and they'll have both a morning and an afternoon session.

If you're not sure whether or not you have anything outstanding, you can check the Court website under "Online Resources." When you get there, select the heading "See if you have a warrant" and the site will prompt you to getting that answer.

If you plan on coming, please let the Court people know in advance. You can do that by either using the "Contact Us" link on the website, or email-

ing courtweb@tucsonaz.gov. Doing that will allow the process to move more smoothly, since the Court will be able to pull the relevant files in advance. The goal is to see as many

people as possible.

My final transportation related item is a fun one, with a very local twist.

Here's the front cover of the current National Bus Trader iournal.



And here's a link to the contents: <a href="https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/">https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/</a>
<a href="https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/ward6/">Restored bus magazine.pdf</a>. Check the link and you'll find a very cool six-page review of our very own Old Pueblo Trolley group, headed up by Gene Caywood (also consulting on the Broadway project), and their work in the restoration of a 1938 coach. I've asked Gene if he could get us a copy for the Ward Office. It'll be fun to have it around for people to browse while waiting for appointments.



Here's what they started with, and...

here's what the 73-yearold, now fully functional bus looks like



It's a fun article that walks you through the history of bus transit in the state, as well as the multi-year restoration effort that took tens of thousands of dollars and plenty of labor. The Old Pueblo Trolley group is still active in the community. If you'd like to find out more about their work and support the cause, you can reach them at PO Box 1373, Tucson, 85702, or just email Gene at <a href="mailto:caywoodgm@juno.com">caywoodgm@juno.com</a>.

#### Signage

Tangential to transportation is the signage you see while out driving or biking around. Last week, the Citizen Sign Code Committee had a meeting with a uniquely interesting agenda. I've touched on one of their items recently (wall signs), but there were a couple of other items I'll be looking forward to working on when they come to us.

*Wall Signs* – Here's the Lotaburger sign I shared a few weeks ago that caused this item to end up at the Sign Code Committee.



The objections from staff were the size of the letters on the front arced portion, and that the two 'Blake's' signs extended above the height of the roofline.

And here are a couple of many available examples where we've allowed the same thing.





In fairness, staff said they made a mistake in approving the Dick's sign, and the Panera sign is above an entrance, so it's technically ok. The point I made in one of our meetings was that we need to find a middle ground between standards that restrict ugly, and those that simply restrict a business' ability to tastefully advertise its presence. I find nothing objectionable about either of these two examples.

The Sign Code Committee was asked to come back with some guidelines that strike that middle ground, both with respect to size and rooflines. We should see that after the first of the year.

**Scenic Corridor Zone** – In 2010 we made some changes to the Scenic Corridor portion of our sign code. The primary reason was that we were seeing requests for variances, most of which were being granted based on administrative reviews concluding what was being proposed was aesthetically fine. Since the changes, the number of variance requests has fallen to nearly nil. That indicates what we did is working.

The changes we adopted were scheduled to sunset. The Sign Code Committee voted to extend them for another three years so we can continue to monitor their effects. That rec-

ommendation will also come to us for a vote after the first of the year.

Historic Landmark Signs – Similar to the extension of the Scenic Corridor changes, what we adopted a few years ago to help preserve historic signs seems to be serving its purpose. At least it hasn't resulted in blighted areas popping up around town. The Sign Code Committee voted to recommend we extend the historic landmark sign provisions for another three years. We'll see that recommendation soon, too.

On related note, we'll be seeing a recommendation to approve new copy being placed within the framework of an existing historic sign structure. The sign is in the Pinecrest shopping center on east Speedway. It was a Cascade Laundry sign back in 1958. Sherwin Williams wants to import its logo onto the existing sign. The Sherwin Williams logo hasn't changed since 1905. Staff has proposed a compromise solution so we can maintain the framework and structure of the original sign, reflect some of the Cascade history, and place the Sherwin Williams logo on the sign, as well.

I think these old historic signs are cool. I want to see us both extend the terms of the preservation language and allow this compromise solution for Sherwin Williams/Cascade to go in on Speedway. We'll get this, as with the other items, after the first of the year.

I realize that signage is a touchy issue, on both sides of the question. I believe we can find

some good middle ground compromises that will help businesses display themselves in tasteful ways, and that don't end up trashing out the community as used to be the case. There's a balance between what we have on the books now, and the way things were before our sign code kicked in. For the relative newbies, that's Speedway as it appeared back in the middle '60s and into the '70s. That's the ugly we can avoid while still tweaking what we have on the books.



#### Boards, Commissions, and Committees

By my count, the City has 63 Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Some of them have served very useful roles. Others can't make quorum. Some meet regularly with very full agendas. Others haven't met for months, or years. We need to do some housekeeping with our BCCs.

At our last meeting, the Clerk's office provided us with some excellent background information. If you go online to the November 17<sup>th</sup> study session (addendum material) you'll find it all. It includes a list of each BCC, its meeting status, vacancies, and the recommendations from the Clerk for merging, eliminating, or generally cleaning up what we have. Those recommendations deserve a serious look.

The BCC members are our citizen representatives. In many cases, they put in hours of time, all on a volunteer basis, to study policy questions and make proposals to us through staff. If

we're going to take action relative to the status of the BCCs, the people serving on them need to be heard. To that end, I'm in the process of scheduling a meeting for early next year to which I'll invite each of my appointees to come and share both what they're doing on their BCC and their thoughts on the program in general. We hold these meetings on a regular basis anyway, but this time we'll expand the conversation to include the topic of how we clean up what we have.

In addition to that, we've asked staff to work internally, reach out to Tucson Residents for Responsive Government, and then return to us in a few months with a refined list of recommendations for what we do with each BCC. I'll be sharing the feedback I receive at our January meeting with the City Manager.

We did eliminate two BCCs at the November 17<sup>th</sup> study session. Both the City Manager and the Police Chief citizen panels are done with their work. They've now formally been sunsetted. But we'll wait to hear from the City Manager next spring on what's being proposed for the remaining ones. The work getting to those recommendations is going to be time consuming. It's important. The program takes a ton of time for the Clerk's staff and for the volunteers, as well.

As for current vacancies, I've got one on the Independent Audit and Performance Commission. That takes somebody with a strong background in crunching numbers. Most of the other council offices also have an opening or more. Those are all listed on the material available at the Clerk's agenda site from our last meeting.

#### **Managed Growth Working Group**

This won't be a formal City Board or Committee, but I'm in the process of putting together a working group to work with UA administration on the tough topic of growth.

Last week, the Star ran an article that said the UA plans on growing to over 64,000 students by the year 2025. Right now there are about 43,000 students enrolled. The article indicated that around 20% of the growth will be online students. That leaves about 16,000 new mouths to feed and homes to find in the area.

One of the single most time consuming issues for us at the Ward 6 office is responding to off-campus student issues, as well as to planned development of new student housing. The kids will need a place to live, and the residents of the neighborhoods have a right to maintain their quality of life. It's that balance this group is going to try to manage on a proactive basis.

I've reached out to administration and the response is very positive. The holiday season will slow down the formation of the group somewhat, but for those who have already commented on the size of the planned growth, know that I'm working on the issue and will be reaching out to multiple partners as things begin to form.

Dating back to the ugly incidents we had at the Islamic Center of Tucson and surrounding privately owned student housing and up to this past week, the relations with UA administration on the topic of student behavior have been excellent. It's that relationship I'm counting on to put in place a productive means of communication relative to planned and

well-managed growth with this group. More to come, but it's a topic that didn't escape my notice when it appeared in print.

#### | More Change at the UA



You know the place – McKale Center, home to the best fans in the West. If you're one of the thousands who attend athletic events at McKale, you'll want to know about a policy change being implemented.

A few years ago, based on international terrorist incidents, the NFL implemented a clear bag policy geared towards enhancing the safety of the public attending their foot-

ball events. The same is true at many NCAA college venues. At the UA, we are doing the same beginning with the men's basketball game that will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Here are the bullet points outlining the new safety procedures related to what will be allowed into the arena:

- Bags that are clear plastic or vinyl and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"
- One-gallon clear plastic freezer bags (Ziploc bag or similar)
- Small clutch bags, approximately the size of a hand, after being searched
- Exceptions will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection

Prohibited items include but are not limited to:

- Purses larger than a clutch
- Briefcases
- Backpacks
- Fanny packs
- Diaper bags
- Cinch bags
- Luggage of any kind
- Long golf umbrellas
- Cooler bags
- Computer bags
- Camera bags
- Non-approved seat cushions including large traditional seat cushions that have pockets, zippers, compartments or covers
- Any bag larger than the permissible size, unless credentialed personnel carrying such belonging have been thoroughly searched

In order to make the screening process go more smoothly, the points of entry will also be reduced. We'll now have five designated points of entry, not all over the arena as has been the case in the past. There'll be plenty of staff on site on the 9<sup>th</sup> to help direct you to the most convenient of those.

I tell people all the time that the general public has no idea the lengths sports venues go to in order to ensure the security of the fans in attendance at athletic events. Although there has been no credible threat to the UA, the department works in close cooperation with UAPD in putting these security measures into place. So come early on the 9<sup>th</sup> as the adjustment may result in a couple of hiccups as new procedures get established.

#### **More Sports**

Credit Councilmember Cunningham for getting the ball rolling on expanding the soccer program out at Kino Stadium. I was happy to help Greg Foster and FC Tucson while they were getting started at the UA soccer facility, but the emergence of the whole Major League Soccer club has taken place out at the expanded Kino site.

In 2016, Major League Soccer (MLS) will bring in nine teams for the preseason schedule. This will be the fifth year for Tucson hosting MLS. It continues to grow. The first session will run from January 24 through February 12<sup>th</sup> (my bride's birthday, so I might miss the closing ceremonies). The Desert Diamond Cup will follow from February 17<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>

The teams that will train here will come from Seattle (Alison will be wearing the colors), Portland, Kansas City (radio guy John C. Scott may want to jump on this bandwagon and off the Kansas basketball team before they crash and burn), and even teams from back east. The whole tournament will be better than ever.

You can already get tickets through <u>www.fctucson.com/team/ticket</u>. Good work by all who have had a hand in this local partnership.



Another successful local partnership is the newly formed Community Media Center. The team is made up of Brink Media, Wave Lab Recording Studio, and KXCI Community Radio. I highlight KXCI here because it celebrates its 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary this week. Congratulations to Cathy Rivers and her group on this great achievement.

KXCI is operated by the 501(c) non-profit Foundation for Creative Broadcasting. It's nearing the end of the calendar year, so you might want to consider a donation or membership – tax deductible, of course. To get more information on how to do that, check them out at KXCI.org. This week they'll also be holding some fun anniversary-related events (an online transportation survey, for example).

The new City media center is just now getting on its feet with this partnership. Brink is at the core of the group, but with the involvement of Wave Lab and KXCI, the community touch is not going to be lost. They'll expand the Channel 12 and 20 broadcasts to include web and mobile internet content. It'll be fun to watch them roll out new ways to market who we are as a community.

#### A Not So Welcome Partnership



#### **Tucson Greyhound Park**

There are now only six kennels racing dogs out at Tucson Greyhound Park (TGP). That means they're going to run them harder and more often than is good for the animals. The State allows it, and in fact causes you to subsidize it with your tax dollars.

The betting public isn't supporting the industry, but those of us who object to the "industry" are. The betting handle used to be over \$400K weekly. That included all out-of-state betting. Now though, those

numbers are down to under \$50K on Mondays and Wednesdays and under \$80K on Fridays and Saturdays. That also includes all off track betting. From Pima County alone, the breakdown is under \$10K nightly.

The owners of the track live in Florida. They're multi-millionaires who are likely using this dump as a tax write-off. Your State legislature continues to allow it – and they have shown no inclination to take it off the tax rolls, impose a tax on the betting handle, or shut it down to live racing.

Going off from live racing is getting more and more common outside of Arizona. Gulf Greyhound Track in Houston, Texas is going to close down live racing at the end of the year. That'll mean TGP is the only live racing track west of the Mississippi until you get to Tijuana. Nice company.

If you go to the track, don't count on having to fight for a seat. You might see a dozen others out there watching the dogs take a beating from the conditions. That's 128 dogs racing each night with virtually no audience to support it.

Ask your State legislator why you're funding a half million dollar "hardship tax credit" to keep millionaire owners who live in Florida in Cognac, while the dogs in Tucson are running to an empty house and being sent back to metal cages. I'm sure they've got some solid reasons, maybe even having to do with campaign donations.

#### **Limited English Proficiency (LEP)**

Incarceration of animals is one thing – doing it to humans is quite another.

In 2000, Executive Order 13166 established a Federal requirement that equal language access services be provided to people detained in Federal facilities. Denying such access is a violation of the 1964 Civil Rights Act which prohibits discrimination based on national origin or race.

Since the 2000 Executive Order, the Departments of Homeland Security, Justice, and Health and Human Services (HHS) have issued follow-up guidelines to be used by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) personnel and others. The problem is that there are gaps between what's required and what's being provided.

In the summer of 2014, when we were spending day after day down at the Greyhound bus depot meeting immigrant families, we saw firsthand that many were indigenous people whose first language is not Spanish. In fact, the Guatemalan consulate who was working with us often found himself unable to communicate in the dialect spoken by the women who were dropped off. That being the case, it's not surprising that the DHS guidelines are not being adhered to out in the field.

That's not a criticism of the CBP personnel who are out doing their jobs on a nightly basis. They're given inadequate staffing and inadequate resources to accomplish what they're being asked to do. But if DHS and HHS issue guidelines in response to a Civil Rights directive, the collateral damage cannot be the rights of the individuals who are entering our legal process.

I mentioned last week that I'm just beginning contact with HHS on some related issues. Those are local, and they touch in part on this issue of LEP persons and how we're recognizing their right to be given legal counsel in their indigenous language. It's a vulnerable population. They're encountered at first contact in the field, in detention, in Federal immigration court, in Operation Streamline, and in shelters for unaccompanied minors.

This is a Ward 6 item because we are and have been directly involved with the migrant families as they come through Tucson. I'll be writing more as the contacts with HHS evolve before the holidays. It's important stuff if you care about how we're training our front line personnel and how we're addressing the rights and needs of those being detained.

For context, place yourself in the position of being incarcerated in a foreign country and having your legal rights explained to you in a language you don't understand. Here's the DHS protocol we're supposed to be following:

Element 5) Language Access Procedures/Protocols: Establish the language access procedures or protocols that staff should follow to provide language services to LEP persons encountered in their daily activities. The language access procedures or protocols will include the following instructions: recognize the LEP status of an individual; identify the language spoken; identify situations requiring appropriate language assistance; access language assistance; and record the contact. Unless countervailing considerations are explained in detail, protocols should include limits on the use of family members, friends, or other persons associated with LEP persons to rare situations and nonessential information.

This will be an evolving topic. I teased it last week. More coming.

#### **Local Police Promotions**

Last week, TPD announced the promotion of a couple of the good guys in the department. First though, I'm disappointed to share that Captain Mike Gillooly will retire at the end of the year. He has served our downtown and midtown areas well and he'll be missed. He'll be joined by another of our top-notch Captains, Jim Rizzi. It's the beginning of the exodus we're going to see of command staff due to the Deferred Retirement program that's kicking in.

To replace them, TPD is moving up Lt. Kevin Hall and Lt. Eric Kazmierczak. Once those moves kick in, the agency will make these related internal changes:

Captain Fabian Pacheco will transfer to the Academy Captain Kazmierczak will move to the West Division Captain Hall will come to midtown

These moves were made in advance of the arrival of new Chief Magnus. He was consulted and gave his approval. He understands the need to make these internal moves and that he won't come into his new position with the familiarity to recommend new assignments.

We'll look forward to working with Cpt. Hall.

#### **Giving Tuesday**



When you get done running the commercial gauntlet from Black Friday, to Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday, there's a chance left for you to benefit the needy in the community.

Giving Tuesday is a national movement set up to give us each the chance to touch the lives of those in need around us. In our case, it's the Community Food Bank effort to provide 240,000 meals. To get there, they need to raise \$30,000. Your gifts to the Community Food Bank are eligible for an Arizona charitable tax credit. Check them out at communityfoodbank.org.

You survived the weekend sales events. Now you can feed a needy family online. You know the great work Community Food Bank does. It's easy to participate.

Sincerely,

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#### **Events and Entertainment**

#### Tree Planting in Feldman's Neighborhood

Saturday, December 5, 2015 | 10 am

Meet at St. Luke's Home, 615 E Adams St

Feldman's Neighborhood won a Conserve2Enhance grant to install curb cuts and rain basins along 1st Ave to create lush wash-like habitat by capturing storm runoff from where it flows in our street washes. All helpers are welcome. No prior training is needed and there are all sorts of ways to help. Please bring wheelbarrows, shovels, hand picks, gloves, water, and your good spirits. www.facebook.com/events/460750334097605/

#### 4th Avenue Winter Street Fair

December 11, 2015 – December 13, 2015 | 10 am – 6 pm 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue between University Blvd. and 9<sup>th</sup> St.

Free to the public, the Fourth Avenue Street Fair brings together 400+ arts and crafts booths, 35+ food vendors, Main Stage, street musicians, food, jugglers, street performers, the ever so popular Free Kids hands-on-art Pavilion. There is face painting, balloons, demonstrations, sidewalk entertainment and tons of other fun activities. www.fourthavenue.org/fairs/general-information/

#### **Ongoing**

<u>Tucson Museum of Art</u>, 140 N Main Ave | <u>www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org</u> July 17, 2015 – January 3, 2016: "Museum as Sanctuary: Perspectives of Resilience"

<u>Tucson Convention Center</u>, 260 S Church St | <u>tucsonconventioncenter.com</u>

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St | www.MeetMeatMaynards.com
A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!
Hotel Congress Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

Mission Garden, 929 W Mission Ln | www.tucsonsbirthplace.org

A re-creation of the Spanish Colonial walled garden that was part of Tucson's historic San

Agustin Mission. For guided tours call 520-777-9270.

<u>Children's Museum Tucson</u>, 200 S 6<sup>th</sup> Ave | <u>www.childernsmuseumtucson.org</u> Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturday & Sunday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way | www.tucsonbotanical.org | September 11, 2015 – January 3, 2016: "Nature Connects, Art with LEGO Bricks"

<u>Southern Arizona Transportation Museum</u>, 414 N Toole Ave | <u>www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org</u>

<u>UA Mineral Museum</u>, 1601 E University Blvd | <u>www.uamineralmuseum.org</u>

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave | www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St | www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St | hotelcongress.com

<u>Loft Cinema</u>, 3233 E Speedway Blvd | <u>www.loftcinema.com</u>

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St | www.rialtotheatre.com

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd | www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave | www.arizonatheatre.org

The Rogue Theatre, The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd | www.theroguetheatre.org